THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHJ.V *(a)* No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground static tanks.

An amount of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the last financial vear and the Delhi Fire Service have stated that this is being utilised for the specified purposes.

Smack Dens in Delhi

1613. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported conversion of the 'smack joints' into 'crack houses' by the drug peddlers in Delhi and that a large number of such smack dens in Andha Mughal, Madangir, PaharganjJ INA Market, AIIMS, and other places are peddling in 'crack' drug; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to liquidate the racket involved in running such dens in ths city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Only one case of seizure of suspected "crack" has been reported. No, ease of "smack joint" or "Crack House/ den" in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS and other places has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(b) The action taken under the pro. visions of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, enforced with effect from 14-11-1985, has had Its impact and there has been a decrease in drug trafficking cases in Delhi since then. Some active drug traffickers/smugglers operating inter-state and also internationally have been identified and a constant watch is maintained on their movements. Close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies and special watch is kept at the entry and exit points of the Union Territory of Delhi against drug trafficking.

Deaths due to mishaps in mines in Delhi

1614. SHRI T. R. BALU;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers who died due to mishaps in Delhi mines during the last' three years; year-wise;

(b) how many out these deaths were due to mishandling of explosives;

(c) how many workers received compensation during this period along h the amount paid in each case; and

(A) what steps are being taken to eii'orce mine safety measures strictly in Delhi mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI . P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of workers who died during the last three years due to accidents in the mines in Delhi for which leases/permit? have, been granted by Delhi Adnrn. is indicated below:

Year	No. of workers died
1984	1
1985	3
1986	Nil

(b) Out of four deaths mentioned above, one was due to mis-handling of explosives.

(c) Compensation is paid under the Workmens' Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the State Govts/UTs. Information in this re-garcl is not maintained.

(d) Provisions for safety, health an^ welfare of worker$_s$ employed in the mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and regula tions framed thereunder. These pro visions are required t$_0$ be complied with by the mine$_s$ management.

The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad and his officers enforce the statutory provisions in respect of mines safety. The Director General of Mine$_s$ Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to mines management from time to time for adopting safety measures. Mines are periodically inspected by the ofli-cers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. Whenever during the inspection, Officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety find conditions i$_n$ mines dangerous, orders under Section 22 of the Mines Act, 1952 are issued. Prosecution cases are also filed against the management. The Delhi Admn. has also been advised to take suitable steps so that working condition*? in the stone mines are improved and explosives are used *m* e mines in accordance with the provisions of the relevant regulations.

Closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore

1615. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited. Peelamedu, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), with effect from August, 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the number of employees affected thereby;

(c) whether prior permission was take$_n$ from Government for its do-sure:

(d) what ar$_e$ the reasons for its closure:

(e)' whether all the dues of the workers have been paid; if not what steps are being take$_n$ in this regard;

(f) whether it is a fact that the said Mills has defaulted in the remittance of provident fund and ESI contributions apart from other dues to be paid to the workers on account of gratuity to the families of deceased workers; and

(g) if So, what are the details of the due$_s$ on these accounts and what action has been taken by Governmment for their realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, there has been stoppage of work in the Radhakrishna Mills Limited, - Coimbatore involving 1250 workers following strike by workers from 10-8-1985 over the demand relating to the payment of earned wages due to them for the month of July, 1986.

(c) and (d) There has bee$_n$ no an-ncuncement of closure of the mills by the management nor has it applied seeking prior permission of the State Government to close down the mill under the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(e) to (g) According to the State Government, the management has net paid earned wages to workers for July 1986 and 9 days of August 1986 amounting approximately to Rs. 16 lakhs and their statutory dues towards